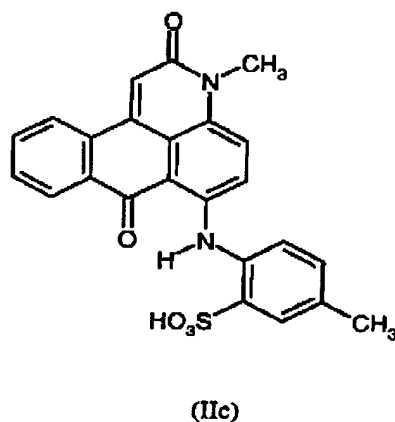
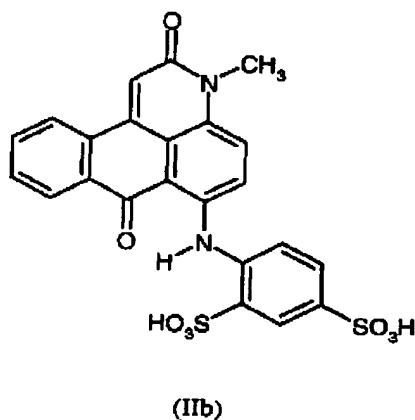


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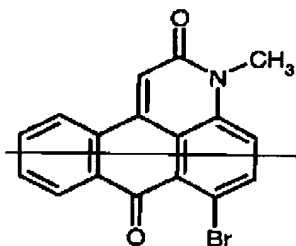
1. A mixture comprising the dyes according to ~~C.I. Acid Red 82~~ (formula IIb[~~()~~]) and ~~C.I. Acid Red 80~~ (formula IIc[~~()~~]):



2. (Currently Amended) ~~A mixture~~ The mixture according to claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the weight ratio of (IIb) to (IIc) is in the range from 99:1 to 1:99, preferably in the range from 98:2 to 50:50, especially in the range from 96:4 to 70:30, and most preferably in the range from 95:5 to 85:15.
3. (Currently Amended) The mixture according to claim 1 wherein ~~Mixtures according to at least one of claims 1 to 2, characterized in that~~ the dyes mentioned are present in the form of their salts, ~~the cations used being sodium, lithium, ammonium, tetraalkylammonium, trialkanolammonium, and/or alkyl dialkanolammonium.~~
4. (Currently Amended) The mixture according to claim 1 wherein the mixture is present in an ~~An~~ aqueous solution ~~comprising a mixture according to at least one of claims 1 to 3.~~

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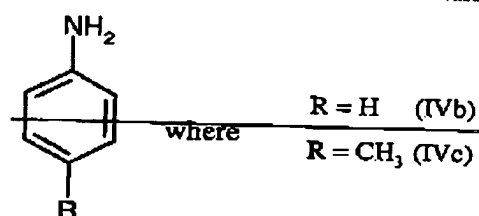
5. (Currently Amended) The mixture according to claim 4 wherein An aqueous solution according to claim 4, characterized in that the dyes according to formula (IIb) and formula (IIc) comprise 90% to 100% by weight of the total amount of dye present in the mixture quantity consists of dyes of the formulae (IIb) and (IIc).
6. (Currently Amended) The mixture according to claim 4 wherein An aqueous solution according to one of claims 4 to 5, characterized in that the amount of dye dye fraction of the dyes (IIb) and (IIc) is in the present in the aqueous solution ranges range from 0.01% to 15.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous solution.
7. (Currently Amended) The mixture according to claim 4 further comprising one or more organic solvents in an amount ranging from An aqueous solution according to at least one of claims 4 to 6, characterized in that it contains 0% to 50% by weight and preferably 15% to 40% by weight of organic solvents.
8. (Currently Amended) A process for producing mixtures according to claim 1, characterized in that comprising:
- a) mixing together the dyes according to the formula of the formulae (IIb) with dyes according to the formula and (IIc). are mixed with each other, or
- b) a compound of the formula (III)



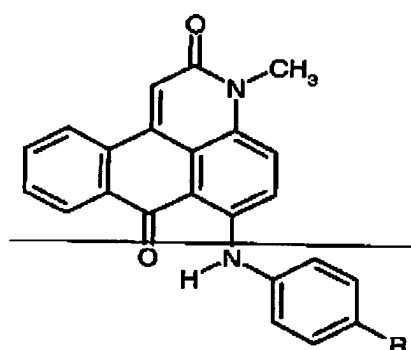
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~~is reacted with a mixture of anilines of the formulae (IVb) and (IVc)~~



~~and the resulting mixture of compounds of the formulae (Vb) and (Vc)~~



$R = H$  (Vb)

$R = CH_3$  (Vc)

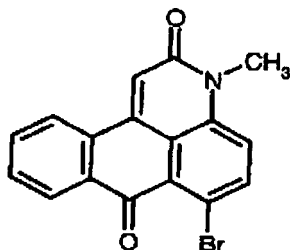
~~is sulfonated, or~~

~~e) — the compounds of the formulae (Vb) and (Vc) are separately prepared and conjointly sulfonated.~~

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A Use of the aqueous solution according to at least one of claims 4 to 7 as a recording fluid (an ink) for use with ink jet printing comprising the mixture according to claim 4.~~
10. (New) The mixture of claim 3 wherein the cations forming the salts of the dyes are selected sodium, lithium, ammonium, tetraalkylammonium, trialkanolammonium, and/or alkyldialkanolammonium.

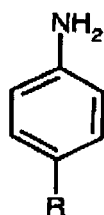
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11. (New) The process of claim 8 wherein the mixing comprises:
- a. reacting a compound of formula (III):



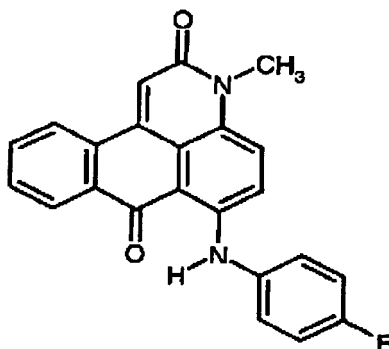
(III)

with one or more anilines of formula (IVb) and (IVc):



where  $R = H$  (IVb)  
 $R = CH_3$  (IVc)

to produce a mixture of compounds of formula (Vb) and (Vc):



$R = H$  (Vb)

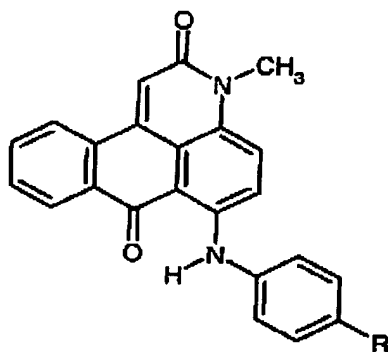
$R = CH_3$  (Vc)

and

- b. sulfonating the compounds according to formula (Vb) and (Vc) thereby producing a mixture of compounds according to formula (IIb) and formula (IIc).

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12. (New) The process of claim 8 wherein the mixing comprises:
- separately preparing compounds according to formula (Vb) and formula (Vc):



R = H (Vb)

R = CH<sub>3</sub> (Vc)

- mixing compounds according to formula (Vb) with compounds of formula (Vc) together, and
- sulfonating the mixture of compounds according to formula (Vb) and (Vc) thereby producing a mixture of compounds according to formula (IIb) and (IIc).

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